

Unique Field Sightings

Earth Spirit Educational Services, Inc. was responsible for collecting field data for the Erie County Forest Management Plan during the period between August 4 and October 10, 2003. The following list represents a sampling of some of the more unique field sightings that were encountered during the analysis of thirteen Erie County Forest Lots.

- Old Sugar Maples in the County Sugar Bush
- Unique and extensive stand of Balsam Fir
- Numerous American Elms with a DBH (Diameter at Breast Height, measured at 4.5 feet) of up to 26 inches
- Black Bear spotted on two Erie County Forest Lands



Coyote track.

- The Holland Bog – an extremely unique community possessing a variety of unusual ferns, orchids and carnivorous plants
- Huge Black Cherry tree with a DBH of 54 inches
- Animal “graveyard” near a coyote den
- Secluded ponds and marshes, constructed for wildlife habitat, located with conifer plantations
- Porcupine den in American Beech tree
- American Ginseng plant hidden in a mature Hardwood Forest



Evidence of predation.

- The remnants of an early Maple Sugaring site
- Field stone wall marking an old homestead site deep in the forest
- Several Red Maples with a DBH approaching 53 inches
- Extensive beaver meadows transitioning into marsh communities
- Many unique fungi such as the Bear’s Head Tooth, Oyster Mushrooms, Dead Man’s fingers and Destroying Angel
- Some other unusual animal sightings included a Brown Snake, Northern Harrier, Red Fox, Wood Frogs, Pileated Woodpecker and Coyote



Wildlife habitat pond.